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Introductory Thoughts

We as Christians are learning to have: love, joy, peace, longsuffering and gentleness.

2 Timothy 2:20-22

Bud Wilkinson once said, "Modern day football is 22 players on the field desperately needing rest and 22,000 spectators in the stands desperately needing some exercise."

The time has passed for all Christians to get off the sidelines. – Galatians 2:20

2

God Has Been Gentle With His People

The word gentleness is also translated as kindness.

It is being good, pleasant, gracious, and kind.

That's the picture we get of God.

Psalm 18:35 – 2 Samuel 22:36

And then we read of the gentleness of Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:1 – Matthew 19:13 15 – John 8:1 11



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Gentleness must Become a Way of Life

Some people have never been called pleasant or gracious.

Paul teaches us that when Christ is in us.

1 Thessalonians 2:7 – 2 Timothy 2:24 – Titus 3:2

It is gentleness (coupled with a strong faith) in us that allows us to press forward.

1 Corinthians 4:10-14



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Your Tones

***It Is Not So Much What You Say,
As the Manner in Which You Say It;
It Is Not So Much the Language You Use
As the Tone You Use to Convey It.
For Words Come from the Mind,
And Grow by Study and Art;
But Tones Leap Forth from the Inner Self
And Reveal the State of the Heart.***



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Gentleness Is a Fruit of the Spirit

One of those characteristics we simply must possess.

The more Christ like we become the more fruit will be evidenced in our lives.

Christ responded quickly to evil doers.

But to those who were honest, Christ was gentle and loving with them.

The result according to Mark 12:37.



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Closing Thoughts

May the world look at us as a people who are good, pleasant, gracious, and kind a people who are gentle.

Someone has said, “Kindness is not an artificial shallow niceness or feeling of weakness.”

God is great enough to be gentle, but how about you?

